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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV-CAMBODIAN RELATIONS

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1. YUGOSLAV CHARGE MILUTIN KUKOLJ TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER JANUARY 6 THAT YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH SHOULD BE REOPENING ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. INDEED, HE EXPECTS THAT YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR TO CAMBODIA, MILUTINOVIC (AS HEARD; ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS CORRECT NAME ON FILE), WHO WAS THERE IN SAME POSITION UNTIL CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN 1970 BROUGHT ABOUT CLOSING OF EMBASSY, WILL BE BOARDING PLANE IN BELGRADE AT ANY TIME. HE NOTED THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS VERY VISIBLE IN ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH SIHANOUK'S MID-DECEMBER VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA.

2. KUKOLJ SAID THAT YUGOSLAV DELEGATION IN PHNOM PENH IN LATE DECEMBER WAS COMPRISED OFUCOUSELOR GRUBOR FROM PEKING AND INDOCHINA CHIEF FROM FEDERAL SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ACCORDING TO A SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL WITH WHOM HE SPOKE RECENTLY. PURPOSE, AS NOTED REFTEL, WAS TO GET THINGS CONFIDENTIAL

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LINED UP FOR REOPENING OF EMBASSY. THE TWO VISITED THE

FORMER CHANCERY, WHICH EVERYONE APPARENTLY AGREED WILL BE
USED AGAIN.

3. CHARGE SAID HE HEARD NO DETAILS FROM HIS SOURCE AS TO
WHETHER DELEGATION REPORTED THAT PHNOM PENH IS SUBSTANTIALLY
REPOPULATED OR WHO IS REALLY IN CHARGE IN THE GOVERNMENT.
HE ADMITTED THAT YUGOSLAVS ARE UNCLEAR AS TO THE ACTUAL
CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT POWER STRUCTURE.
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